

### OATH OR DECLARATION

I, Thomas J. Rauber, am the sole inventor of the EZE Spatula and EZE Ladle. I have working models of each. My mailing address is: Thomas John Rauber, 6050 Vista Hill, Dansville, New York 14437. I am a USA citizen living in Livingston County.

Inventors Signature Thomas John Rauber

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THOMAS JOHN		RAUBER		DANVILLE NY 14437	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional inventors are being named on the _____ separately numbered sheets attached hereto					
TITLE OF THE INVENTION (500 characters max)					
EASY HADGE EASY SPATULA - OPERATING BY THUMB EZE LAOLE - EZE SPATULA CAUSES HADGE OR SPATULA TO GO TO THE RIGHT OR LEFT					
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76					
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<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.				FILING FEE AMOUNT (\$)	
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Respectfully submitted/

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THOMAS JOHN RAUBER

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Inventor(s): THOMAS JOHN RAUBERTitle of Invention: EASY LABEL EASY SPATULA  
EZE LADLE EZE SPATULA

Enclosed is a disclosure of the above-titled invention consisting of 15 sheets of description and 3 sheets of drawings. A check or money order in the amount of \$375.00 is enclosed to cover the fee (37 CFR 1.21(c)).

The undersigned, being a named inventor of the disclosed invention, requests that the enclosed papers be accepted under the Disclosure Document Program, and that they be preserved for a period of two years.

Thomas John Rauber

Signature of Inventor

Address

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11-15-2003

Date

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(37 CFR 1.16 (e))  
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First Named Inventor

THOMAS RAUBER

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Application Number

Filing Date

Art Unit

Examiner Name

As the below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original and first inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

THOMAS JOHN RAUBER  
6050 VISTA HILL  
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(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which



is attached hereto

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I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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**DECLARATION — Utility or Design Patent Application**Direct all correspondence to: ☐ Customer Number  or ☒ Correspondence address belowName THOMAS JOHN RAUBERAddress 6050 VISTA HILLCity DANVILLE State N.Y. ZIP 14437Country USA Telephone 585-335-3234 Fax 

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NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR: ☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventorGiven Name (first and middle (if any)) THOMAS JOHN Family Name or Surname RAUBERInventor's Signature Thomas John Rauber Date 11/15/03Residence: City DANVILLE State N.Y. Country U.S.A Citizenship U.S.AMailing Address 6050 VISTA HILLCity DANVILLE State N.Y. ZIP 14437 Country U.S.ANAME OF SECOND INVENTOR: ☐ A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventorGiven Name (first and middle (if any)) None Family Name or Surname Inventor's Signature  Date Residence: City  State  Country  Citizenship Mailing Address City  State  ZIP  Country ☐ Additional inventors are being named on the \_\_\_\_\_ supplemental Additional Inventor(s) sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A attached hereto.

**DECLARATION (37 CFR 1.63) FOR UTILITY OR DESIGN APPLICATION USING AN  
APPLICATION DATA SHEET (37 CFR 1.76)****Title of Invention**EZE LADLE and EZE SPATULA

As the below named inventor(s), I/we declare that:

This declaration is directed to:

- ☐ The attached application, or
- ☐ Application No. \_\_\_\_\_, filed on \_\_\_\_\_,
- ☐ as amended on \_\_\_\_\_ (if applicable);

I/we believe that I/we am/are the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought;

I/ we have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified application, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above;

I/we acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent and Trademark Office all information known to me/us to be material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT International filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

All statements made herein of my/own knowledge are true, all statements made herein on information and belief are believed to be true, and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

**FULL NAME OF INVENTOR(S)**

Inventor one:

THOMAS JOHN RAUBER

Signature:

Thomas John Rauber Citizen of: U.S.A

Inventor two: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Citizen of: \_\_\_\_\_

Inventor three: \_\_\_\_\_

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## DECLARATION

**ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S)**  
**Supplemental Sheet**  
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